(c) The Government of India believes in solution of problems through talks and negotiations to bring about peace, stability and development. The Government of India is prepared for talks with any group which is willing to work within the framework of the Constitution of India and abjure violence. No talks have been initiated with the terrorist outfits operating in Assam, as they have not, as of now, indicated their willingness for talks within the above parameters and are continuing with violence. The Government of India categorically rejects violence as a means of achieving any objective.

Cases Registered by Police under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955

2659. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of cases, registered by the Police under the Protection of Civil Rights Act 1955 during 1994, 1995 and 1996 and number of such cases which were disposed of during the same years;

(b) whether the State Governments have undertaken surveys during the last three years for identifying untouchability prone areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Murder of SC/ST women

2660. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state that the State-wise number of murders reported during 1995-96 and 1996-97 indicating the number of (i) women and (ii) SC/ST women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): Available information is given in the enclosed statements I and II.

Statement-I

Incidence of Murder during 1995 and 1996 (State & UT-Wise)

Sl. No.	State/UT	1995	1996	Remarks (Figs. for 1996 are upto the month of)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2376	2124	November
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	71	56	September
3.	Assam	1269	1858	September
4.	Bihar	5075	N.A.	——
5.	Goa	36	30	
6.	Gujarat	1373	1282	
7.	Haryana	627	455	September
8.	Himachalk Pradesh	125	118	